Universal and reusable virus deactivation system for respiratory protection

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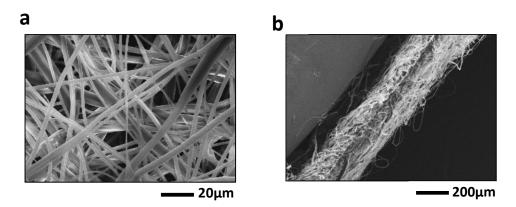
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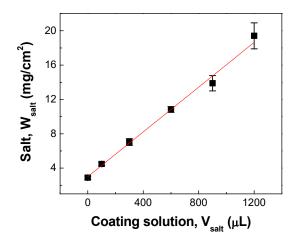
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Supplementary figures

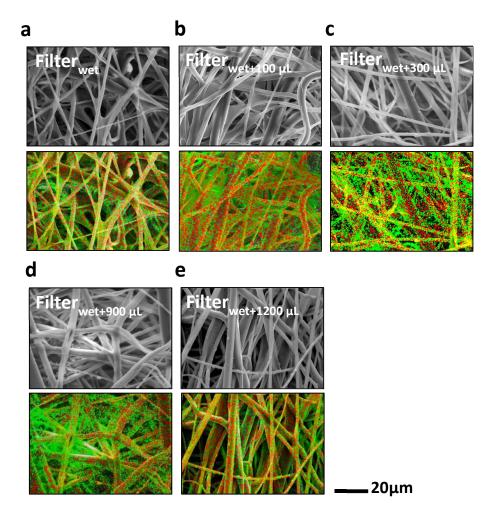


Supplementary Fig. S1

SEM micrographs of PP filter of bare surgical mask (Filter_{bare}). (a) Top view and (b) cross-sectional view.

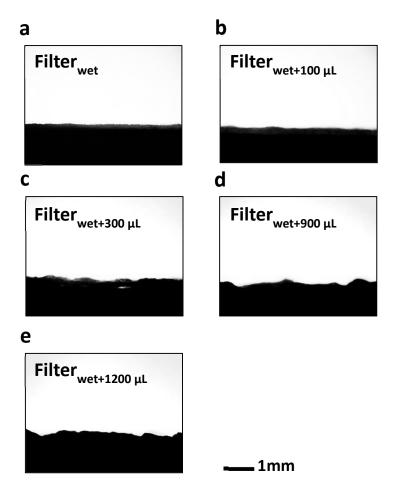


Plot showing the relationship between the volume of coating solution used for drying of prewet filters (V_{salt}) and amount of coated salts (W_{salt}) (n = 7, mean \pm SD).

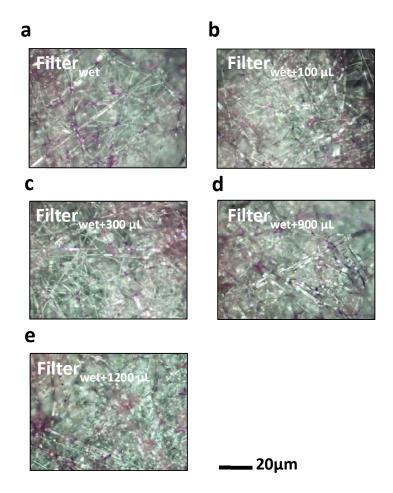


Supplementary Fig. S3

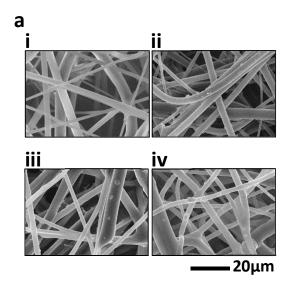
Representative SEM/EDX mapping images of salt-coated filters. (a) Filter_{wet}, (b) Filter_{wet+300μL}, (c) Filter_{wet+300μL}, (d) Filter_{wet+900μL}, and (e) Filter_{wet+1200μL} (top: SEM, bottom: EDX mapping).

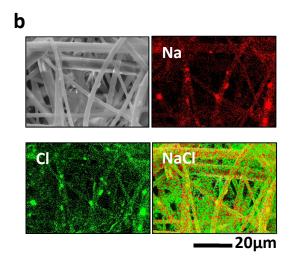


Optical microscope images of cross-sectional view of salt-coated filters after applying a drop of DI water (3 μ L) for contact angle measurements. All of salt-coated filters exhibited complete wetting (n = 10).

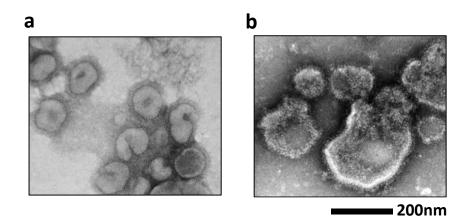


Optical microscope images of top view of salt-coated filters right after exposure to aerosols. All of salt-coated filters exhibited complete wetting (n = 10).

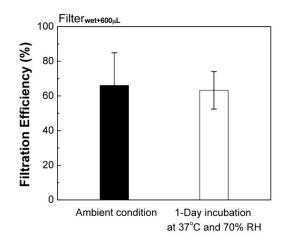




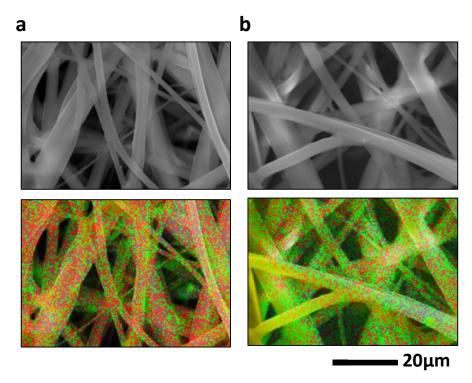
(a) SEM images of filters incubated for 60 min after exposure to influenza virus (i: Filter_{bare}, ii: Filter_{wet+600µL}, iv: Filter_{wet+1200µL}) showing the micron-sized NaCl phase on salt-coated filters upon drying of aerosols. (b) SEM/EDX mapping images of Filter_{wet+600µL} exposed to aerosols (Na: red, Cl: green). Micron-sized structure on the filter is identified as NaCl phase due to NaCl salt recrystallization.



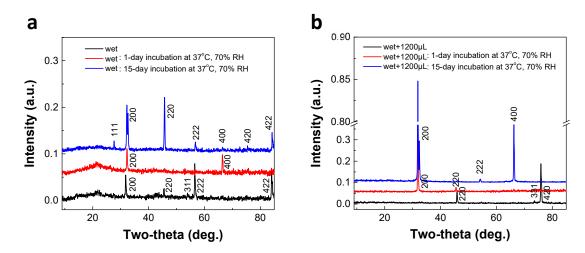
Negative-stain TEM micrographs of A/CA/04/2009 (H1N1) influenza virus incubated for 1 hr in solution obtained from suspension of (a) Filter_{bare} and (b) Filter_{wet+600µL} showing the effects of high salt/surfactant concentration and osmotic pressure on virus morphology.



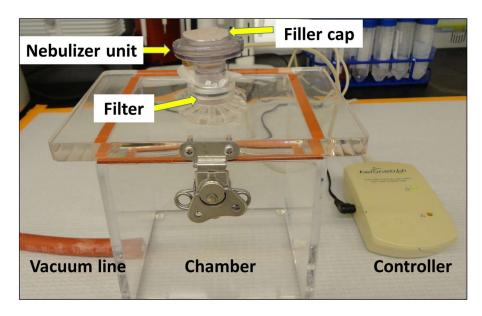
Filtration efficiency of Filter_{wet+600µL} before and after 1 day incubation at 37°C and 70% RH (n = 12, mean \pm SD).



Supplementary Fig. S9
SEM (top)/EDX mapping (bottom) images of (a) Filter_{wet} and (b) Filter_{wet+1200µL} after incubation for 15 days at 37°C and 70% RH.



XRD spectra of (a) Filter_{wet} and (b) Filter_{wet+1200 μ L} before and after incubation at 37°C and 70% for 1 day and 15 days.



Supplementary Fig. S11

Experimental setup used to measure filter performance.